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SUBJECT: ARCHEOLOGY PROJECT; STOB

REF: BELGRADE 3185

1. PROPOSED PROJECT WAS DISCUSSED MAY 24 AT MEETING HELD AT DEPARTMENT. PARTICIPANTS WERE PROF. JIM WISEMAN, BOSTON UNIVERSITY; PHILIP MARCUS, NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE HUMANITIES; YUGOSLAV SCIENCE COUNSELOR RAJACIC; KENNEDY SCHMERTZ, SMITHSONIAN; RUSSELL WHITENER, A/BF/FC; AND WILFRED DECLERCQ, OES/APT/SEP. WHILE VARIOUS OPTIONS WERE DISCUSSED, ALL MUST FACE ONE OVERRIDING FACT: THAT IF THE 1977 DIGGING SEASON IS NOT TO BE JEOPARDIZED, PROF. WISEMAN AND HIS ASSOCIATES NEED TO BE IN YUGOSLAVIA IN A FEW DAYS. WISEMAN MUST DEPART NEXT WEEK (PROBABLY ABOUT JUNE 4) AND MANY OF HIS ASSOCIATES ARE AWAITING FURTHER  
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INSTRUCTIONS AT VARIOUS POINTS IN EUROPE. A NUMBER OF KEY PERSONNEL WILL BE FORCED TO DROP OUT OF THE PROJECT UNLESS THEY GET CONFIRMATION SOON WHETHER OR NOT IT WILL PROCEED. IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT, EVEN WITH THE BEST WILL IN THE WORLD, JOINT FUND PAPERWORK, DEPOSITS IN JOINT FUND, CABLING OF TICKETS, AND SUNDRY ADMINISTRATIVE HURDLES COULD BE OVERCOME IN SUFFICIENT TIME. THEREFORE,

IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT,

AT LEAST FOR THE 1977 EXCAVATION SEASON, THE PROJECT  
PROCEED OUTSIDE OF THE JOINT FUND. PLEASE OBTAIN  
YUGOSLAV CONCURRENCE AND RESPOND BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

2. RAJACIC AGREES AND WILL CABLE BELGRADE THROUGH HIS  
CHANNELS. REPORTEDLY, HE WILL INDICATE THAT  
BUREAUCRATIC HURDLES SHOULD NOT STOP COOPERATION,  
ESPECIALLY WHEN BOTH SIDES HAVE APPROVED THE PROJECT AND  
HAVE THE MONEY TO SUPPORT IT.

3. FYI. IT APPEARS THAT THE YUGOSLAVS (PRIMARILY  
FAISECTC AND RAJACIC) MAY HAVE FUMBLERED THE BALL BY NOT  
BRINGING THIS PROJECT TO THE JOINT BOARD'S ATTENTION IN  
APRIL. WISEMAN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH RAJACIC AND  
SUTLOVIC SINCE LAST YEAR AND WROTE THEM ANOTHER LETTER  
FEBRUARY 23, 1977. WISEMAN ALSO STATES THAT THE  
MACEDONIANS, E.G. APOSTOLSKI, ARE EAGER TO PROCEED WITH  
THE PROJECT AND THAT THEY ARE NOT CONCERNED WHETHER OR  
NOT IT GOES THROUGH THE JOINT FUND. REFTEL REPORTS THAT  
SUTLOVIC CLAIMS THAT THE "MACEDONIAN AUTHORITIES" WANT  
TO PLACE THE PROJECT UNDER THE JOINT FUND. ARE THERE  
ANY APPLICABLE REGULATIONS ON THE FEDERATION-REPUBLIC  
RELATIONSHIP OR IS FAISECTC PERHAPS TRYING TO EXERCISE A  
CONTROL THAT IS NOT REQUIRED?

4. IN THE EVENT THE YUGOSLAVS AGREE TO PROCEED WITH  
PROJECT OUTSIDE OF JOINT FUND, THEY MAY INSIST ON  
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WISEMAN HAVING A US GOVERNMENT AGENCY "SPONSOR", AS WAS  
THE CASE WITH ARCHEOLOGY PROJECTS IN THE PRE-JOINT FUND  
ERA. SINCE THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR HUMANITIES DOES  
NOT (AND CANNOT) HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE YUGOSLAVS,  
SMITHSONIAN WOULD BE WILLING TO "SPONSOR" WISEMAN IF  
NECESSARY. END FYI. VANCE

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